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A life of misery

Victim is forced to move home after his attacker is released from prison

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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A VICTIM of a vicious assault is being forced to leave his home because he says his life is being made a misery by his attacker.

Ex-firefighter Chris Hodgkins and his girlfriend Penny Wyatt, who live in a council-owned apartment in Durrans Court, Fenny Stratford, say they feel like 'prisoners in their own home' and claim they are being constantly 'harassed and threatened' by the man who attacked Mr Hodgkins and his friends.

The 41-year-old suffered a fractured skull and needed 37 stitches in the back of his head after he was hit with two alcohol bottles by a former neighbour. The top of one his little fingers was also cut off and others damaged during the attack in Aylesbury Street, Fenny Stratford, in September 2013.

In January this year his attacker was sentenced to 12 months in prison for unlawful wounding and for breaking his bail conditions by visiting Durrans Court. He was released from jail after five months.

Mr Hodgkins said: "Him and his group of associates have harassed and threatened Penny and I. We have had our electricity meter smashed on at least two occasions and they bang on our door.

"We have had to call the police more than 25 times. I feel like my life is in danger."

Miss Wyatt, 33, added: "We are living like prisoners while he has got his freedom."

A spokesman from Milton Keynes Council confirmed the couple will be rehoused.

They said: "We are aware of their concerns and will stay in touch with them until they are rehoused."

Wetherspoons may take over town 'eyesore'

A MAJOR pub chain may be looking to clinch a deal that would see it move into an empty building in a town centre.

MK NEWS understands Wetherspoons is currently in negotiations over the Co-Op building in Queensway, Bletchley, which has been vacant for years.

If the deal does go ahead, it would be 'cautiously welcomed' by Councillor Mick Legg, who represents the new Bletchley West ward on Milton Keynes Council.

He said: "The building has been an eyesore for about six to eight years since it has been empty.

"I would cautiously welcome anything that brings more people to the street, but it does have to be balanced by protecting the businesses that are currently there by making sure they are not undercut by cheap beer and food."

The building is in the middle of a proposed 'no drinking zone', which is currently up for consultation by Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council.

But Cllr Legg believes this could help reduce the number of people drinking on the busy street.

He added: "There's no evidence it increases drinking on the street and it gives these people somewhere indoors."

However, there is confusion over who actually owns the site, so details will remain sketchy until a planning application is submitted – and that all depends on how successful negotiations are.

A Wetherspoons spokesman said they 'would not comment on individual sites'.

■ Turn to page 5 for readers' reactions to this story.

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Bailey makes it through

MK COLLEGE student Bailey McConnell, 15, has made it through to the live semi-finals of Britain's Got Talent – which is being broadcast nightly this week. The teen was given the thumbs up by judges on Sunday's show. He had originally impressed them with a self-penned song and has already pledged that he will be singing one of his own tunes.

Playing with Germans

MILTON Keynes Council's music service wind band teamed up with Jugendorchester Mittelmosel, a youth orchestra from Mosel, Germany, to perform a joint concert at The Church of Christ the Cornerstone at the end of April. The German orchestra stayed in the city for three days.

Jumping for joy at visit

STUDENTS at Oxley Park Academy were jumping for joy after a surprise visit by Olympic champion Greg Rutherford. He presented a trophy to the Year Five/Six Dodgeball team – who won the city's championship. He also took part in a Q&A with Year Six students. Principal Cathy Higgins said the visit was 'inspiring'.

Emily nets anthem gig

CITY soprano Emily Haig has won the honour of singing the National Anthem at the Women's FA Cup Final at stadiummk on Sunday. Emily said: "I am looking forward to hearing the crowd join in with the anthem and to experiencing the atmosphere just before kick-off."

Breakfast challenge for writer

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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See pictures and share your views on this at: **www.mkweb.co.uk**

A WRITER ate nine fry-ups in just five-and-a-half hours in a bid to find the best place to eat breakfast in the city.

Stephen Mesquita, publisher and 'on the road correspondent' for Philip's Road Atlases took on the food challenge to find the best breakfasts for early morning commuters and drivers.

Stephen, 62, ate at three motorway services, three hotels, two truck stop cafes and a McDonalds in Milton Keynes.

He said: "This wasn't a terribly pleasant experience.

"We found that ingredients used were generally cheap and nasty. There was salty bacon, zebra sausages, cooked more on one side, and none of the food was hot but ranged between warm and cold."

The results of Stephen's survey found that the three hotels were the worst.

The motorway services came second for taste but worst overall for cost, with breakfasts ranging between £8 and £9.

It was the two truck stop cafes that came out on top with the warmest food and best ingredients.

Stephen said: "Drivers should avoid motorway services and take five to 10 minutes on an A-road to find a truck stop cafe and not a chain."

Walking wounded: Shane Tickell walked almost half of his trek from Kendal to MK with a suspected fractured leg

Shane's Big Walk to Work for charities

A MAN who walked from his home in the Lake District to work in Milton Keynes believes he may have completed the last 100 miles with a fractured leg.

Shane Tickell, CEO of IMS MAXIMS, based at Saxon Court in Avebury Boulevard, took on the 212-mile challenge over eight days to raise awareness of the early signs of cancer in the hope people will get diagnosed and treated earlier.

It follows the death of close work colleague Mike Haynes from bowel cancer last year.

Shane finished his epic walk on Friday and after crossing the finish line, the 43-year-old said: "I'm going to go to hospital now because I think I might have a fracture in my leg, which I've been carrying for the last 100 miles.

"But I wasn't going to accept quitting. I've done about 1,600 miles of training since Christmas but whatever that was, it wasn't enough!"

Mr Tickell said he walked around half a million steps on the challenge.

He added: "I've seen so many lovely people on this challenge.

"It's not easy to talk about cancer and hopefully this has allowed people to talk about it in a non-threatening way."

Money raised from Shane's Big Walk to Work will go to CancerCare and Cancer Research UK.

Youngsters dig new beach

FOR this youngster life is a paradise of sun and sand.

And the good news is that he hasn't had to travel far to enjoy it.

Children from Wavendon Pre-school and Day Nursery went along to celebrate the launch of the beach at Frosts Garden Centre in Woburn Sands, which opened on Saturday.

Grabbing their buckets and spades, they spent the morning playing in the sand, riding the Victorian carousel and enjoying an icecream.

Frosts is bringing back the beach to give families all the fun of the seaside, right on their doorstep.

And for anyone near a beach, fish and chips mustn't be too far away and the centre's restaurant will be serving them homemade.

A spokesman for Frosts said: "It is fully under cover so come rain or shine the whole family will keep dry and shaded."

For details of opening times and sessions, visit www.mkweb.co.uk**.**

Sand, but not sea: This Wavendon pre-school pupil still has a great time celebrating the opening of the indoor beach at Frosts

Sensing need to sort out parking

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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SATNAVS could soon direct drivers to free spaces to help solve parking problems in the city, thanks to new technology.

Milton Keynes has been chosen to test high tech sensors that will tell the council which parking spaces are being used.

Eventually this data could be fed to satnavs and smartphones to help motorists find the nearest available space.

The sensors, developed by technology provider Deteq, may also be used for tracking children, people with Alzheimer's, lost pets and when council bins need emptying.

Milton Keynes Council has signed a contract with BT and technology supplier Neul to install a network that will connect to the small sensors.

They will be installed across the city from June in the first project to trial the technology in the UK. Initially, around 50-100 bins and parking spaces will be wired up but within two months this will expand to about 1,000 of each.

BT and Neul are also looking for ideas that could be useful to residents and businesses and also help save taxpayers money through better efficiency.

Geoff Snelson, director of strategy at the council, said: "MK is already known as a pioneer in the use of technology to make our city more efficient, as evidenced by the MK:Smart project."

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Carnival royalty

THE carnival queen and princesses have been selected for the Woughton Carnival. Imogen Stone was named queen, while Rubi Roberts-Cowley and Ceili Coleman will be princesses. The trio were interviewed for their roles on Friday by a panel of three judges.

Child arrests falling

ARRESTS of children by Thames Valley Police have fallen by 69 per cent in five years, figures obtained by the Howard League for Penal Reform have revealed. The number of arrests dropped from 12,288 in 2008 to 3,808 in 2013.

Man kicked by drinking pals

A MAN was kicked and robbed by a couple he had befriended on a drinking session in Netherfield.

The couple had approached the 49-year-old as he sat on his own behind shops in Farthing Grove on Friday between 12.30 and 1.30pm.

After a drink at the Netherfield Tavern, they returned to the shops where the man was thrown to the floor and kicked by the male.

The woman stole his wallet as the scuffle took place.

For more information on this story visit our website – www.mkweb.co.uk**.**

Drivers caught on camera

A FREEDOM of Information request has revealed the top five speeds recorded by cameras in our region.

The request by the Institute of Advanced Motorists shows the hotspot in the Thames Valley area was the A4146 from Leighton Buzzard to Bletchley road, where three vehicles were clocked above 118mph in the 70mph zone.

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Cloudy2Clear service the Bedford, Milton Keynes & Leighton Buzzard areas and Billy is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.'

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We'll run council better

THANK you for the accurate report by James Averill highlighting the problems brought about by the Bletchley First party ('*Council is resigned to a farce, MK NEWS, May 14*).

They have consistently attempted to disrupt the good management of Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council, firstly by dissolving all the working committees and replacing them with one.

This clearly overloaded the work of that committee and resulted in the chairman, the then Councillor Tony Mabbott, losing control of the meeting and not progressing the agenda in the appropriate manner.

The Bletchley First party then lost a later vote and the committee structure was taken back to three committees.

The action of the Bletchley First party was then not to attend any meetings for the next three months. So much for Bletchley First.

On their return, Cllr Mabbott started to abuse another member of the council and then turned his attention to an unfortunate member of the public. The lady left in tears and had to be comforted by the chairman of the council.

Despite all this some members of the Bletchley First party are a loss to the council, while others are certainly not.

The real losers are the residents who have lost their democratic representation.

The remaining councillors will continue to manage the council in a proper manner and hope to welcome replacement councillors in the very near future.

Angela Kennedy and Keith Ely
Chairman and vice-chairman, Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council

Defending new homes

HAVING read the letter from the anonymous party entitled "Absurd' housing plans' *(Letters, MK NEWS, May 21*), I felt obliged to defend new build homes.

The UK is currently in the throes of a housing crisis, with the chronic shortage of stock leading to the average age of a first time buyer without parental support to rapidly approach 40 years old.

While many would like Milton Keynes (and the rest of the country) to stand still, or even better, return to the good old days, the demand for housing is at bursting point.

While there are many causes to point the finger of blame at, including increased life expectancy and changing household make-up (not just immigration), new housing developments and the people who live in them shouldn't be the focus of such scorn.

The truth is that new developments are urgently needed and unfortunately in their masses.

While I don't recognise the mass-built soviet-style architecture described, does anyone know of anything mass produced that doesn't look near identical? The much beloved iPhone comes in only three colours, while most housing developments contain more than 30 different styles of home. Even the Ford motor company makes just 13 basic models!

I do agree that developments place a degree of stress on local infrastructure much to the complaint of those who oppose them. What isn't mentioned, however, is the extra council tax generated and crucially the £20,000-£40,000 per house in infrastructure levies paid by developers directly to the council in lieu of such impacts. To no surprise, these payments are often squandered on vanity projects rather than mitigating the real outcomes of new households arriving to an area.

The high density of developments is a compromise one makes when buying a new build home. While very frustrating, it is often not led by the greed of developers but a direct consequence of those who oppose new build developments in their area. The resultant lack of available land verses the huge council housing quotas means homes are squashed into ever smaller sites.

In the end, those who object to large housing developments will have to make a choice, to have no new houses and leave their children and grandchildren never to own their own property, or to live with new build developments. I know which I would rather choose.

James Rolton
Woburn Sands

Houses are not cheap

I WISH people would stop referring to the properties in Oxley Woods as £60,000 homes. It's such a misnomer! ('*Water is leaking into £60k homes', MK NEWS, May 21*).

The homes in Oxley Woods were part of the Government-led Design for Manufacture Competition, which included a brief that at least 30 per cent of the homes being built should meet a base cost for construction of £785 per square metre, or £60,000 per home.

When you look at average build costs for traditional house construction being in the £800-£900 range it's not really anything special to come in at £60,000 and it certainly should not be inferred (as this article does) that the issues being experienced are because the homes were cheap to construct.

Name and address supplied

I agree about design

IN YOUR article 'MK design to be lauded in Venice' (*MK NEWS, May 21*), Sam Jacobs says: "The kind of people who built Milton Keynes were exciting and are missing today".

Agreed! I always think the older commercial buildings along Midsummer Boulevard look attractive with low rise, individual designs, but then you arrive at The Hub – what an eyesore.

I still do not understand how that development was approved on design – apart from the extremely ugly, shabby looking flats, if you walk through there during autumn/winter the force of the wind nearly blows you over, such is the wind tunnel created by the height of the buildings!

Sylvia Kent
Sent via email

Did you damage car?

THIS is addressed to the inconsiderate driver who scraped down the off side of my car in Morrisons car park on Friday between 8am and 8.50am.

You know who you are and you own a white vehicle. I know this because you left your paint on my car.

You only needed to leave your contact details under my windscreen wiper, but no, you skulked away hoping no-one saw the damage you had done.

I only hope that one day the same thing happens to you and you feel the way I do at the moment. There are a lot of people around like you and I am one of the unfortunate people who have been affected by your total disregard.

I will be asking Morrisons if it has CCTV and if it was captured on camera.

Alison Newens
Shenley Brook End

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A storm of pictures

MK NEWS was inundated with residents' pictures following the storm that struck on Thursday afternoon.

Sarah Clifton sent in a picture of flooding in thecentre:mk near McDonalds, while Helene Jane sent in a photo of the heavy rain. The chimney of Station House in Station Road, Newport Pagnell, was struck by lightning and the MK NEWS office in Fox Milne lost power for nearly two hours.

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'Eyesore': The old Co-op building in Bletchley, which lies within the town's drinking control area

Your views on pub plans

READERS have been debating whether they would welcome Wetherspoons in the old Co-Op site in Queensway, Bletchley.

And most seem to be against the move should it happen.

Posting on our Facebook page, Lesley Chattaway said: "Just what an area struggling to survive needs. All day drinking and cheap booze."

And Ali Hussain added: "The last thing Bletchley needs is more pubs."

But commenting on the story on our website – **www.mkweb.co.uk** – Claire Gellard said: "Not an ideal choice, but after so many years as an eyesore anything would be an improvement. Let's hope it goes through."

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Shelley rattled by snake theft

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THIEVES who stole a bike outside Milton Keynes Central rail station could be in for a slippery surprise.

That's because there are two pet snakes ready to slither their way out of the saddle bag they snatched with it.

Voluntary worker Shelley Reed, 34, *pictured*, was working her late night shift helping private hire vehicles outside the station when she said goodbye to security staff at 3.30am on Tuesday.

Shelley, who already has one pet snake, had leant her bike against the same lamppost she has used for the last two years when she looked outside to see it being taken.

But the thieves won't bank on the fact she bought two pet corn snakes from Northampton earlier that day and left them in the bag with her bike.

She said: "They're in for a nasty shock. They aren't dangerous to humans but I wish they had been actually because we may have found them.

"I'm just worried for the snakes and really disappointed that my bike is gone."

Shelley, who has learning difficulties, uses the bike to cycle to her Heelands home.

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Yes in referendum

RESIDENTS in Woburn Sands voted through a neighbourhood plan in a referendum on Thursday. Out of 1,032 voters, 919 agreed it should be implemented. Councillor David Hopkins said it would 'allow Woburn Sands far more of a say in its destiny'.

Clarification on story

IN LAST week's MK NEWS we reported in the story 'Couple found dead at home' that Edward and Valerie McLaren had been undiscovered for up to three weeks. In fact it was 11 days. We apologise for any distress this may have caused to the family.

Fire forces building evacuation

A KITCHEN fire in a second-floor flat led to the building being evacuated.

And two women had to go to hospital for treatment following the blaze in North Ninth Street, which firefighters were called to at 12.36am yesterday.

Bucks Fire Service said the blaze was caused by an overheated pan and 10 per cent of the property was damaged by flames before they were put out.

The women were taken to hospital suffering from the effects of breathing in smoke, with one also receiving a burn to her hand.

Break in MK murder trial

THE trial of the men charged with the murder of two teenagers has been delayed.

Ahmed Ahmed, 20, and Brahim Hajji, 26, from the Netherlands have both denied murdering Mohammed Abdi Farah, 19, and Amin Ahmed Ismail, 18, in an alleyway in Fishermead Boulevard on May 26, 2011.

The trial had begun at Luton Crown Court but stopped for a two-week break on May 21 due to the judge being involved in another case.

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Fuming following dispute over fare

Outraged: Faith Blumberger claims a driver from Raffles threw her money back at her during a dispute with them over a fare

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A PASSENGER has claimed a driver from a private hire company threw her money at her during a dispute over a fare.

Faith Blumberger, 21, booked a taxi from her home in Woughton on the Green to Fox Milne with Raffles on Thursday.

She said: "When I booked I was told it would be £3.50. The driver asked for £4.80 and that's when the dispute started."

The driver called his controller, who agreed Miss Blumberger should be charged more because of the distance she had travelled.

Raffles director Katie McKeon said: "We do supply estimates but unfortunately for this journey the estimate was not very accurate. Our telephonist did say it would cost 'about £3.50' and as such it was an inaccurate estimate, for which we apologise."

When Miss Blumberger attempted to pay the driver the cheaper fare she says he threw the money back at her.

She added: "He yelled that he didn't want my money and shouted at me to 'get lost'. He then threw all the coins at me. It was a scary overreaction."

The driver has denied throwing the money but Mrs McKeon added: "We would like to apologise for the reaction of our driver to this incident and the behaviour that Miss Blumberger had to endure. The driver will be spoken to and reprimanded for his actions."

Miss Blumberger is now calling for private hire companies to be clearer on how much passengers will be charged.

She added: "I felt like the driver was trying to overcharge me. It just shows that young women need to be careful with taxis."

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Teenagers found

MISSING teenagers Sophie Munroe, 15, and Daniel Atkins, 17, have been found safe and well. They had been missing since May 12.

Nose broken in theft

A 35-YEAR-OLD was punched and kicked in his face last Tuesday. He suffered a broken nose and fractures to his face in the incident on the redway close to Bramley Road, Mount Farm, Bletchley, opposite the IKEA store. Call 101 if you have any information.

Police feared for boy

POLICE were called over fear for the welfare of a boy in Sherington. A helicopter and at least three police cars were sent to the village at 9.25am last Wednesday to check if the boy's life was in danger. The police's services were not needed.

Party to mark centre rebrand

CUSTOMERS will be able to access free WiFi, superfast 4G and buy items online and collect them from a shopping centre as part of its rebrand.

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People have been commenting on the name on mkweb.co.uk following our story last week.

One reader said: "I've got no problem with change, but that is simply terrible."

Another said: "What's wrong with change? No-one ever called it Midsummer Place so now all of a sudden it has become important to them?!"

General manager Martin Hindson said: "This is so much more than a name change and we look forward to welcoming you all here."

Driver had 'lapse in concentration'

A MOTHER has paid tribute to her 'wonderful son' who died after a car crash.

Christopher Butler, 50, from Crownhill, had a 'lapse of concentration that caused him to turn in front of the other car', an inquest into his death was told on Thursday.

The accident happened on the H5 Portway junction with Lennon Drive on January 3.

Mr Butler died on January 7 at Milton Keynes Hospital after he suffered injuries to his stomach and multiple organ failure.

His mother Enid Butler said: "He was a wonderful son and I would like to thank the police and the hospital."

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Swimming teen risks life in weir

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A TEENAGER was left stranded in a weir after her and her friends ignored 'no swimming' signs.

Newport Pagnell Water Rescue Unit and firefighters from Bletchley and Great Holm were called to Caldecotte Weir, near Simpson, to help the young woman, believed to be 18, escape the water, which flows from Caldecotte Lake North to the River Ouse.

MK NEWS understands she was there for up to an hour before the 999 call was made at 8.53pm on Thursday.

Watch manager Chris Montague, from Bletchley Fire Station, said: "Although she was cold, we're glad to say she was otherwise uninjured."

Following the incident Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service is urging people not to ignore 'no swimming' signs on lakes and other waterways in the city.

Dangerous: Caldecotte Weir and, *inset*, the 'no swimming' sign

Neil Boustred, head of the service's community safety team, said: "Please don't be tempted to take a dip in rivers, lakes or canals.

"Weirs and areas of fast currents are high risk, but any stretch of water, still or flowing, has the capability to kill.

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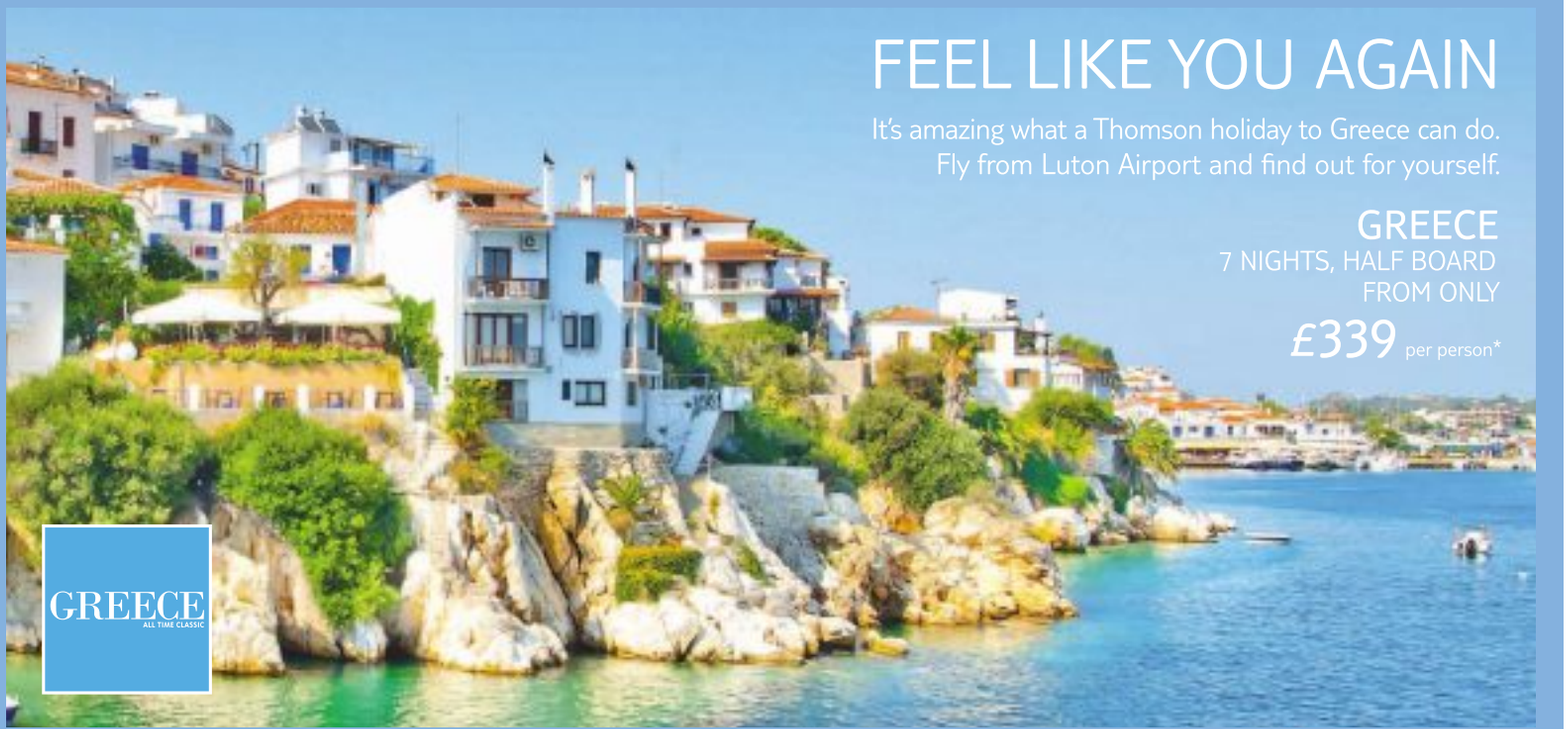

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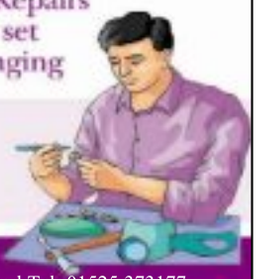

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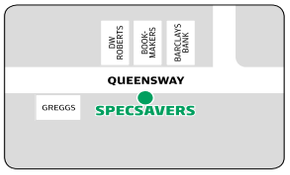

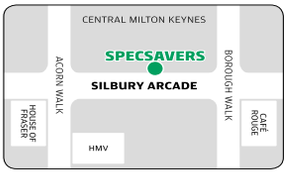

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Attacks by dogs lead to warning

BY SCOTT KIRK
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THE RSPCA has warned dog owners to keep their pets under control or face being sent to prison following a spate of attacks in the city.

One of the latest attacks saw an 11-year-old bitten on the finger by a dog in Bradville last Wednesday night.

The child only suffered a superficial injury and did not require hospital attention, but the owner handed over the dog, which has been destroyed.

Meanwhile, a woman was knocked to the ground by two dogs on a Redway near Shipton Hill on the same estate on Monday, May 12.

A cyclist called the dogs away from the woman and police are still trying to track this person down so they can speak to them as part of their investigation.

Other incidents include a Yorkshire terrier being savaged by a husky in Wavendon and two dogs killing cats and attacking a passerby in Heelands.

Calie Rydings, spokesman for the RSPCA, said: "Dog owners must keep their animals under control at all times as these attacks cause a great deal of unnecessary pain and distress."

She added owners can face up to six months in jail for failing to control their pets.

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Cyclist attacked near Ikea store

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A CYCLIST suffered fractures to his face after an assault near the Ikea store in Bletchley.

The 35-year-old was on his bike on the redway close to Bramley Road in Mount Farm, Bletchley, which is opposite the Swedish megastore.

He was then approached by two males who proceeded to punch and kick him in the face.

The attack resulted in a broken nose and fractures to the man's face.

The attackers were described as both aged about 16 and white, with one wearing a green zip-up top.

Investigating officer, Detective Sergeant Chris Jackson, said: "There would have been other people using the redway at the time who may have witnessed this offence and we are keen for them to come forward with information that may assist the investigation."

If you have any information that may help, contact Detective Sergeant Jackson via 101, or call Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

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Gigging in London: Ian Roberts is enjoying success with his album

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It struck me that there must be thousands of people in the same position. People needing advice but not knowing where to go to get it.

In the meantime Santander has had to suspend its investment advice service over regulatory shortcomings.

The remaining high street banks have recently announced their new charging structures and service propositions. Based on the announcements so far it appears that they expect to receive relatively high fees for investments and pensions with a small range of funds. They are also likely to be incentivised by product providers to include them on the banks' panels. Whether this will represent value for money in the long term remains to be seen but it appears doubtful.

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Aspley Guise Speedwatch: Members of the residents' group have been recording drivers' speeds. Signs in the village have also been moved and replaced in order to put the brakes on speeding drivers after Ema Brunton's cat Rayley, *inset*, was hit by a motorist

Driven out of home

BY SCOTT KIRK AND JESSICA DUNCAN
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A WOMAN was forced to move from her home after speeding drivers wrote off her car and ran over her cat.

It comes after it was revealed more than 3,000 cars a day have been speeding through Aspley Guise, according to research carried out by residents.

Ema Brunton, 31, moved out of Bedford Road in the village because she didn't want to live somewhere she couldn't park her car without it being damaged and that wasn't safe for her cats to go out.

She said: "Everyone joins the village roads from the M1 and you hear their brakes shriek through the night as they come to the one way filter.

"One driver hit my cat Rayley, who had a fractured eye socket and is now afraid to go out."

Following this incident and a motorist smashing into and writing off her Audi A1 Miss Brunton moved out of the village to Northampton.

Aspley Guise Speedwatch (AGS) has been monitoring areas in the village for speeding motorists since May 2013.

The group identified a higher proportion of vehicles speeding into the village from the direction of the M1 than in any other part.

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Twins, 9, put on fun run to honour Henry

BY SCOTT KIRK
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TWINS have organised a fun run to raise money in memory of a friend who died from cancer.

Nine-year-olds Claire and Courtney Heslop from West Bletchley have organised a sponsored onesie and pyjama run around The National Bowl in aid of the Henry Allen Trust on Friday.

The pair were good friends with Henry, four, from Bletchley, who lost his battle with neuroblastoma last year. They enjoyed play dates with him after their mother, Terri Cannon-Hemmings, became good friends with Henry's mum Dawn.

"We just wanted to do something in his name," Claire said.

Courtney added: "We wanted to do something similar to the onesie world record attempt that was held for Henry."

Musician Jamie Stimpson, who hosted the onesie challenge, will perform at the run.

Proud father Ben Heslop said: "Claire and Courtney adored Henry and wanted to do something fun to raise awareness of the Henry Allen Trust."

Mum Terri added: "I'm so proud of them. Henry touched their hearts and he used to follow them around all the time!"

The 0.6-mile run starts at noon and is open to all abilities. To register email events@thehenryallentrust.org.uk.

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Best foot forward: Courtney, *left*, and Claire Heslop are supporting the Henry Allen Trust

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‘We want more to join carnival’

BY JAMES AVERILL
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Roaring success: Gennaro Corrado, *inset*, hopes this year’s West Bletchley Carnival will be even bigger than the one held in 2013

THE organiser of the ‘city’s biggest carnival’ is calling for more people than ever to get involved.

This year West Bletchley Carnival will be held on Saturday, June 7 and has the theme At The Movies.

Last year’s event, which had an animal theme, was hailed ‘the biggest and best yet’ by carnival organiser Gennaro Corrado, who is culture and events coordinator for West Bletchley Carnival.

And while he knows last year will be a big act to follow, he is calling on more people than ever to get involved.

Gennaro told MK NEWS: “We have about 20 parade entries at the moment, which is a similar number to last year. But we want to get more than ever before.

“This is the biggest carnival in Milton Keynes and it is a time where the whole of West Bletchley can really unite to have a good time.

“It’s also a great opportunity for local groups to get exposure and we’ll be really happy if some more sign up before it’s too late.”

This year proceeds from the carnival will be donated to charity Young Carers MK.

MK NEWS and MKWeb are once again media partners for the event.

To help promote it, we want you to send in pictures of film star lookalikes you may know and your best film star fancy dress costume.

The winner will get a meal for two up to the value of £50 at Missoula in the city centre.

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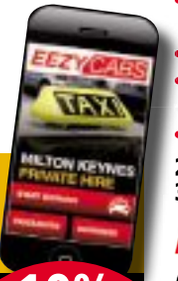

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Bored health staff 'tricked' patients

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A FORMER patient at a criticised mental health unit says staff used to play tricks on the patients when they were bored.

Colin McKinnell, 61, was admitted to The Campbell Centre in August 2012 suffering with manic depression and bipolar disorder.

And he says he has concerns about the care he received up until he was discharged in February 2013 – and believes wholesale changes need to be made at the Eaglestone unit.

He said: "It was okay to start with but after a month or so things got worse.

"They were understaffed and some patients who needed help the most were left to their own devices.

"When staff were bored they would play tricks on patients. They would take personal possessions from one room and move them to another room completely to see what reaction they would get."

Mr McKinnell, from Water Eaton, also raised concerns that money had been invested in building work instead of staff.

> Some patients were left to their own devices. When staff were bored they would play tricks on the patients
> **Colin McKinnell**

He got in touch with MK NEWS following our report last week into the death of Anthony Letch, who was found hanging in the centre.

Anthony's father Paul had slammed the care at the centre as 'miserable'.

A recent inspection by the Care Quality Commission found the unit was failing to meet essential care standards.

A spokesman for the Central and North West London NHS Trust, which operates the centre, said: "While the criticisms made by this patient who sought care at the unit were prior to our takeover in April 2013, they are inexcusable and we would like to offer the opportunity for them to speak to us in more detail about their experience.

"Since taking over we have invested in building work but it is unfair that we have not focused on employing more staff. There has been equally strong investment in recruitment and we have moved clinicians from other units to support the improvements."

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Litterbugs urged to 'use the bins'

BY SCOTT KIRK
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CONCERNS are growing over a problem with dog mess and litter in one area of the city.

Members of Kents Hill and Monkston Parish Council say trying to get residents to use the bins provided is 'like hitting their heads against a brick wall'.

Despite 34 dog and 18 litter bins being available in the area, people are still dumping dog mess and rubbish in areas such as Monkston Park, to the frustration of councillors Colin Bowker and Graham Clark.

"We have got enough bins to cover the area but how do we educate people more so that they use them?" said Cllr Bowker, who is also chairman of the council.

"It's a bit like hitting your head against a brick wall sometimes."

To try and alleviate the problem, the council will move some of the bins into the litter hotspots.

Pick it up: Cllr Graham Clark is fed up of residents not using bins

"If we find that we don't have enough dog bins we might look into buying more and that goes for litter bins too," added Cllr Bowker.

The council is, however, hoping to avoid having to pay for more bins, which cost between £600 and £800.

"There are always the odd few people whose minds may wander somewhere else and they have no idea what their dog is doing," said Cllr Clark.

"I actually think litter is more of a problem and we're trying to reorganise the rubbish bins to put it right."

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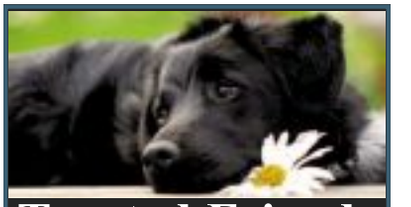
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‘It’s been a huge honour to lead council’

All smiles: Andrew Geary after his announcement

ANDREW Geary said it had been a ‘huge honour’ to lead MK Council.

Cllr Geary announced he would step down as leader of the Conservatives regardless of the outcome of the elections and the search to replace him has begun.

Edith Bald is favourite to take over, but would do so as leader of the opposition after Labour’s success on Friday evening.

Cllr Geary said: “It’s been a privilege to lead this city, but it doesn’t come close to the privilege of being a husband and father.

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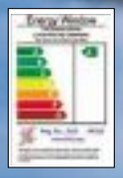

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Labour promises to 'listen to the people'

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE leader of the Labour party has told MK NEWS that they will listen to the 'disaffected people' in Milton Keynes.

It was a successful night for Peter Marland and his Labour party as they made nine gains on the minority Conservative administration.

They now have the most seats in the new look council with 25, compared to 18 for the Conservatives, 13 for the Lib Dems and a solitary UKIP councillor.

Cllr Marland told this newspaper: "I'm honoured to have the opportunity to lead Milton Keynes.

"Clearly we're the largest party and it's a great thing for the Labour party and the city.

"There are a lot of disaffected people in the city and it's our job to listen to them and win them back by putting our ambitious agenda in place.

"I don't think we can ask for any more than nine gains and we're above the national swing."

As part of his ambitions he says he wants to introduce the living wage and ban zero hour contracts.

Cllr Marland also pledged in this newspaper before the elections to build more council and affordable houses, fix potholes and help families with childcare costs while 'keeping council tax low'.

Andrew Pakes, Labour's parliamentary candidate for Milton Keynes South, added: "It was a really long day but we have clearly spoken to the people of Milton Keynes.

"It's been our best result since 1996 with some big wins in Stony Stratford and Loughton.

"This shows that Labour is back in town."

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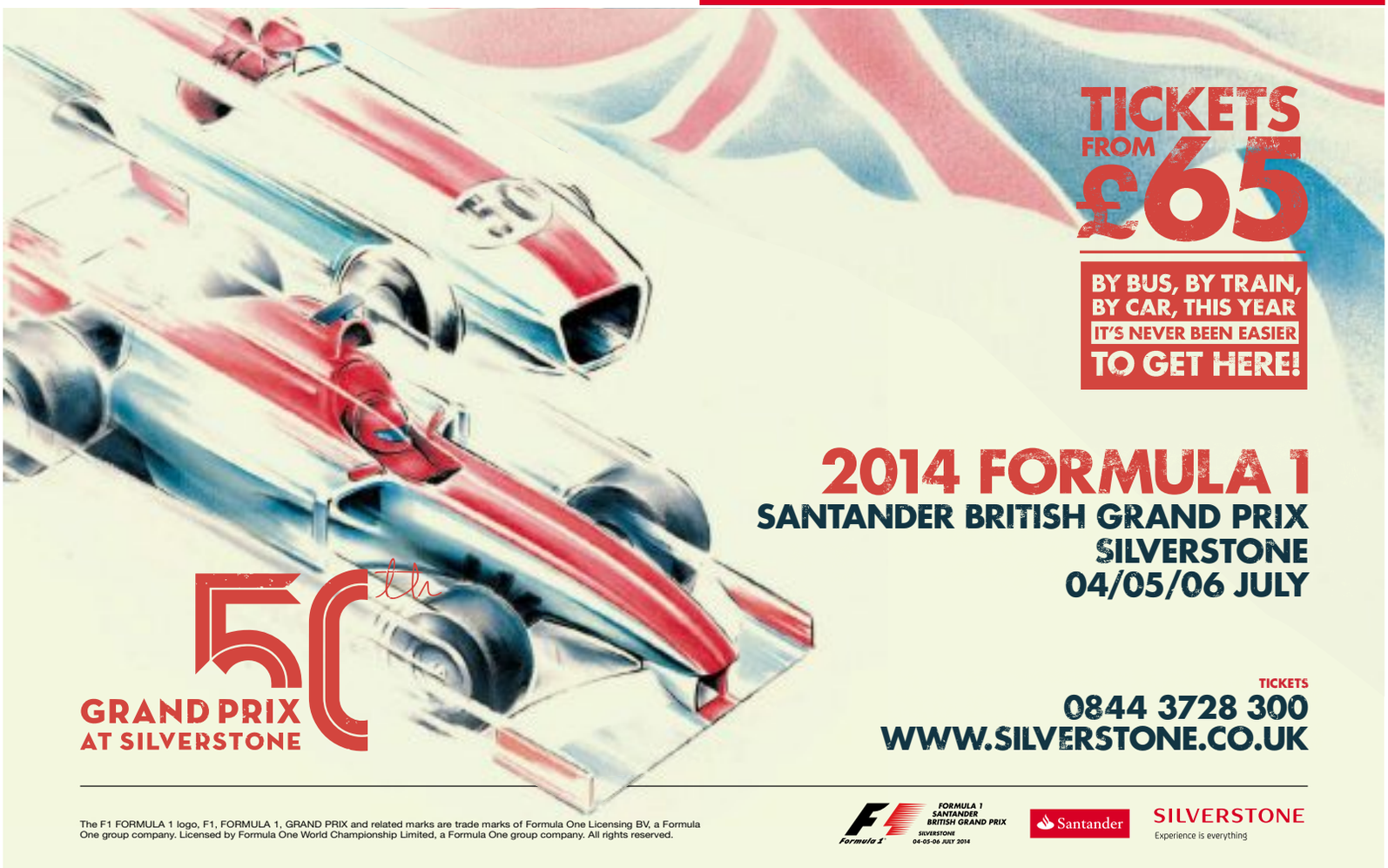

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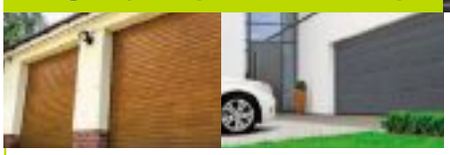

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Disillusioned voters

UKIP managed to keep one seat in the Milton Keynes 2014 elections, defying a national trend which has seen the party make plenty of gains across the country.

But the party is happy with the number of votes it accrued and David Nash, a new UKIP councillor for Bletchley East, said he was all about working for the people of the city, not his party's leader Nigel Farage.

"I'm looking forward to listening to the people of Bletchley East to find out their concerns and needs," he said. "I work for them, not Nigel Farage.

"It's been a good day in Milton Keynes for UKIP – we had hoped for more than one place, but we've got one."

BY JAMES AVERILL
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POLITICIANS across the city admit more needs to be done to improve election turnout – particularly among younger people.

The turnout at the Milton Keynes Council election was 35.51 per cent, narrowly behind the European election turnout of 36.44 per cent.

It meant that just 66,063 people out of the 186,047 electorate registered their vote in Thursday's election.

The figure does actually compare favourably to the last time there was an 'all out' election in 2002, which reached a meagre 32.79 per cent – less than a third.

The highest ward turnout this time around was in Stony Stratford (42.38 per cent), while the lowest was 28.39 per cent in Central Milton Keynes.

But members of all parties expressed concern that they met a significant number of people during their campaigns who felt disillusioned with politics.

Lib Dem leader Councillor Douglas McCall said: "A certain number of residents expressed concern about politicians, although most could differentiate between national and local level."

Labour's Elaine Wales nar-

Elected: Sam Crooks, *second from right*, was the first Lib Dem to win a seat on Milton Keynes Council

Family affair: David Hopkins and daughter Victoria were elected

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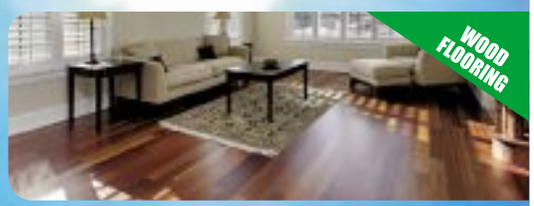

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Victory: Outgoing mayor Brian White keeps his seat alongside fellow Labour candidates Margaret Burke and Martin Petchey

rowly missed out on retaining her seat in the new Bletchley Park ward.

She said: "We found a lot of people were saying that politicians were all the same and that we're in it for the money.

"The majority of councillors I know work so hard.

"Politics is everything. It's our roads, our schools and our people. If you don't engage then nothing can change."

Conservative Alex Ward, 22, also just missed out on a seat in the same area.

And as one of the youngest candidates, he said that more needs to be done to engage with young people in particular.

He told MK NEWS: "I'm standing in an election fresh out of university and I think more needs to be done to engage young people.

"The communication is not good enough from all political parties.

"Young people need to be more involved and that can be as simple as speaking to them when you door knock rather than asking if the parents are in.

"We need to persuade them that being part of the community is not a bad thing."

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City turns to UKIP in Euro polls

VOTERS in Milton Keynes turned to UKIP for the European Parliament elections.

The party topped the polls both in the city and in the South East region that it forms part of, the largest such region in the UK that elects 10 MEPs.

UKIP scooped four, the Conservatives won three, while there was one each for Labour, the Liberal Democrats and the Green Party.

Nigel Farage's party won 28.48 per cent of the city's votes, just beating the Tories who picked up 25.25 per cent.

Speaking after the results were declared, Mr Farage said: "The people's army of UKIP have spoken and delivered the most extraordinary result in British politics for 100 years. And you haven't heard the last of us."

The night was also a good one for the Green Party, with Keith Taylor keeping his seat.

Mr Taylor said: "At this election Greens offered voters hope, while others peddled fear and division.

"I will stand up for my constituents, wherever they come from and however they choose to live their lives."

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Consistency is key claims child expert

BY SCOTT KIRK
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AN EXPERT in working with children says both parents and teachers need to 'sing from the same hymn sheet' when educating youngsters.

Gary Payne has worked with children for about seven years and is the founder of the Young People are our Future charity based in the city's Midsummer Boulevard.

He works with nearly 11,000 youngsters across the country, teaching them life skills.

"Sometimes the parents cause as many problems as the children do," he said.

"Kids are like sponges – they absorb information wonderfully so quite often it's the parents we need to educate."

"If we're educating these children, why don't we all sing from the same hymn sheet?"

"Running the charity has given me the opportunity to appreciate the word 'consistency'."

As an example, he said parents install 'a very sensible theory' into their child's head that they should never talk to strangers and yet complain when they invite friends around for a social gathering and their children are quiet and reserved.

Other examples of inconsistency Mr Payne has seen include when children go to bed, what time they stay out playing until and clothing and hair standards.

In schools, Mr Payne says he witnessed one class where a teacher did not allow the use of any electrical or mobile phone device, but the next teacher allowed pupils to listen to music.

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One set of rules: Gary Payne, founder of Young People are our Future

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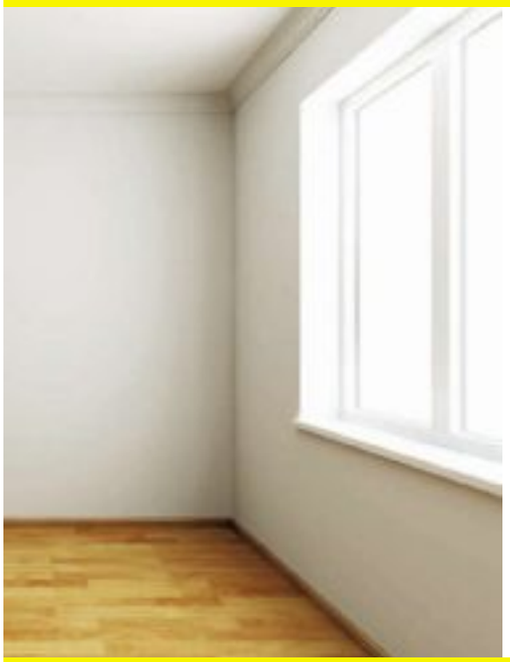

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MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL

Leader homes in on housing

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE leader of the Labour Party has criticised the lack of affordable housing available in Milton Keynes.

In a visit to Great Holm and the Open University last Wednesday – a day before the local and European elections – Ed Miliband said the lack of options for young people beginning their journey on the housing market was 'a big issue'.

We revealed last month how Milton Keynes Council had written to the Government expressing its concern that new legislation was making it difficult to secure adequate levels of affordable housing.

The authority has a policy of ensuring that each development has 30 per cent affordable housing, but new rules are making it hard to ensure that level is met by developers.

Mr Miliband told MK NEWS: "We have developments where there is literally no affordable housing happening in this ward. You can't have a situation like that, it's not right for the people of Milton Keynes."

In the house: Ed Miliband discussing affordable housing in MK

He paid a visit to young people Matthew Pearce, Louise Ryan and her fiancé Chris Dachtler. "It was very striking speaking to the younger people," he added.

"They go away to university from Milton Keynes but they are keen to come back.

"That's a great thing, it shows what a great place it is. We need to do right by those young people."

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Our sneak peek at

BY KATHRYN CAIN
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WHEN you think of going away to a holiday park in this country, realistically you'll always need to make sure you're prepared for bad weather.

And Saturday morning was no different as we took a trip down to the UK's newest Center Parcs site in Woburn Forest ahead of its official opening on June 6.

The wind and the heaving rain didn't seem to deter some stay-cationers from getting out on their bikes or even segways as they adventured around the park, which boasts 625 self-catering lodges, a 75-room hotel, 100 different leisure activities and 10 restaurants.

The £250million Woburn Forest site is located just 13 miles from Central Milton Keynes, so the big question for those of us who live comparatively close to it is why would we choose to take a break without even leaving our local area?

Well by the sounds of it, Woburn Forest is to be the biggest and the best of all the Center Parcs sites.

It has got pony rides for the kids, water sport activities, birds of prey experiences and one of the UK's largest spas, as well as inside tennis and badminton courts for those wetter days.

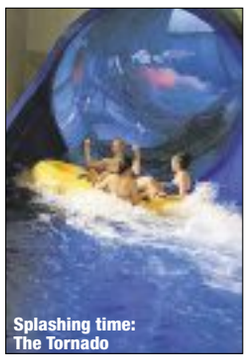
Martin Dalby, Center Parcs' CEO, said: "We provide the holiday that the weather can't spoil because we have so many indoor and outdoor activities all year around.

"This is very much a domestic short break destination."

Woburn Forest is the holiday chain's fifth park in the UK joining the likes of Sherwood, Longleat, Whinfell and Elveden in providing an exciting holiday on your doorstep.

However, it prides itself on using about 25 per cent less energy than its predecessors.

And what's more, of the 1,500 people permanently employed at Woburn, 90 per cent of those live within 15 miles of the park and 40 per cent are under 24.


Splashing time: The Tornado

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Funeral service to be held at Bedford Crematorium, Norse Road on Thursday 29th May at 11.30am.
Family flowers only please but donations if desired for Sue Ryder Care (St Johns Hospice) may be sent to A L & G Abbott, Funeral Directors, 150 Bedford Road, Kempston, Bedford, MK42 8BH
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Deaths

RIGBY Monica

Sadly passed away at Poole Hospital, Dorset on 15th May 2014, aged 75 years.
Greatly missed by her husband Dave, sons Kevin and Stephen (Toad), daughter Sharon, son in law Stan, grandson Jamie and all of her family and friends.

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MKEDUCATION

Helping children log on to legacy of codebreaker

BY SCOTT KIRK
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AN EDUCATION officer will help teach pupils about the achievements of Bletchley Park's most famous codebreaker.

The Bletchley Park Trust has secured funding for a Turing Education Officer – the third role of its kind to be created at the park in under two years.

The officer will focus on helping primary school children, as well as developing a programme for disadvantaged youngsters and those with special needs.

Bletchley Park currently attracts about 8,000 schoolchildren a year among its 157,000 annual visitors.

Education is an important part of Bletchley Park's work and it aims to double the number of schoolchildren who visit the attraction in the coming years.

Sir John Dermot Turing, a Bletchley Park trustee, said: "Bletchley Park is about so much more than a museum.

"Of course, what was done at Bletchley Park by Alan Turing and others is of huge importance.

"But in the 21st century Bletchley Park is more than just a memorial to these achievements.

"One part of Bletchley Park's mission is to use the achievements of the codebreakers to stimulate school students.

"The education team at Bletchley has been hugely successful in this. In fact, so successful that the schools programme has been sold out many months in advance for the last few years.

"All this is why the Turing family has been very pleased to support the creation of a new post in the education department at Bletchley Park.

"We think this is a very fitting tribute to Alan Turing's contribution here at Bletchley and something which we hope he would himself have been keen to support."

Thrilled: A make-up artistry course at Milton Keynes College was the foundation for Zoe Kennedy's nomination for an award

Zoe's made up over success

A STUDENT has been highly commended in a prestigious award.

Zoe Kennedy has been recognised for her outstanding achievement in the VQ Learner of the Year Award 2014 for the South East while undertaking a make-up artistry vocational qualification at Milton Keynes College.

She said: "I'm thrilled. Completing a vocational qualification has given me the skills and drive to pursue my chosen career and I'm delighted that this has recognised my hard work."

Zoe's skills were quickly noted and resulted in her role as head make-up artist for an Yves Saint Laurent lipstick campaign.

This led onto work experience at London Fashion Week and the International Make-Up Artists Trade Show.

All regional winners from around the country will attend an awards ceremony in Westminster on Tuesday and their awards will be presented to them by Matthew Hancock MP, Minister of State for Skills and Enterprise

Find more on this story online at mkweb.co.uk

Hoping to cook up new record

PUPILS have helped a celebrity chef attempt to set a new world record for the number of children cooking healthy food.

There were 30 children from Two Mile Ash School who visited Jamie Oliver's restaurant in thecentre:mk to help the chef set the Guinness World Record for millions of children cooking the same healthy food, at the same time, all around the world.

Staff from Jamie's Italian showed the youngsters how cooking healthy food is fun.

They were joined by Milton Keynes North MP, Mark Lancaster, who helped them make salad wraps.

He said: "The passion from the team at Jamie's quickly transferred to the children and what a wonderful initiative to inspire our youngsters."

The record attempt, on Food Revolution Day, saw 7,086 events in 121 countries, with the minimum number of people at each one needing to be 2,012. The Guinness World Record team is still verifying the results.

Kids buzzing after royal letter

Royal thanks: Youngsters at Busy Bees Nursery with their card

CHILDREN from a nursery were left buzzing after receiving a royal thank you.

Last month Busy Bees Nursery at Milton Keynes Hospital celebrated the Queen's 88th birthday by having a traditional tea party and sending her cards.

A few weeks later they received a letter from Her Majesty, saying she 'greatly appreciated the care they had taken'.

MKEDUCATION BRIEFS

Uni league table

A UNIVERSITY that has a campus in the city has said it's position in a new league table does not reflect what it offers to students. The University of Bedfordshire has been placed 117th out of 123 establishments in the University League Table 2015. A spokesman from the university said: "The league table does not reflect the experience we offer our students. We are proud to be a new university."

Healthy relationship

RUSSELL Street School, in Stony Stratford, had 14 visitors from schools in Finland, Sweden, Slovenia, Germany, Cyprus and Turkey. They have been working together to develop the teaching of health and social education.

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The story questions if multiple personality disorder can be cured by love.

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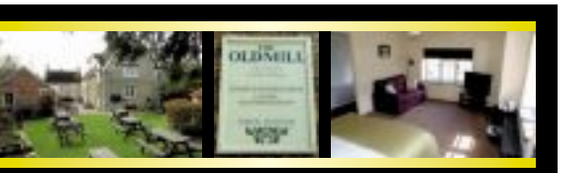

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Sunday 1 June, 8pm CHERRY LEE MEWIS & BEN POOLE
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Tuesday 3 June, 8pm COLIN BLUNSTONE
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Having a laugh: Joel Dommett and, *below*, John Hastings

funnyfriends

THAT Time Of The Month Comedy Club is excited to welcome back 'friends of the show' Joel Dommett and John Hastings, who will each preview their new one hour long shows for the upcoming Edinburgh Festival.

Joel has had an exciting career since starting stand up comedy in 2007.

He was the face of MTV in 2012 and presented its daily news bulletins.

John has been performing stand up since 2006 and was the only Canadian finalist of the 2011 San Francisco Comedy Competition.

He was also nominated twice for a Canadian Comedy Award.

The gig will take place on Sunday, June 1 at 7pm at The Canon in Newport Pagnell's High Street.

Tickets in advance cost £5 and are available at www.wegottickets.com/event/264220 or they can be bought on the door for £7.

musichall

STONY Music Hall returns for the second year this Friday.

The event, which celebrates the time of the music hall, will be headlined by Bubbles, bringing back the tararaBOOMdeeay!

More local talent will be evoking those nice-but-sometimes-naughty days, with bicycles made for two, little lads called Albert and what Mrs Shufflewick thought when the comfort had gone from her local pub, The Cock & Comfort. Entry to the music show, at York House Centre from 8-11pm, is £5 on the door, or tickets can be bought at Past It in Timor Court, Stony Stratford.

gallerytour

A FREE visual access tour will take place around an exhibition in MK Gallery.

The tour, led by Hannah Gaunt from the gallery, will contain live audio description of the key artworks in Melanie Smith's current exhibition.

Taking place at 2pm on Monday, June 2, the hour-long tour will enable visitors with visual impairment to access the artwork in a friendly and informal environment. At the end there will be time to ask questions while enjoying free tea and biscuits. Places are limited so book by contacting Hannah on 01908 558305, or hgaunt@mkgallery.org.

colinconcert

BEST known as the vocalist for 60s group The Zombies, Colin Blunstone has taken time out recently to concentrate on his solo efforts.

Backed up by his four-piece band, Colin is widely regarded as possessing one of the best voices in the British music scene for the last 40 years.

Likely to feature in his gig at The Stables are new songs such as salsa-inspired Dancing In The Starlight and Zombies classics like She's Not There.

Colin will perform on Tuesday at 8pm. Tickets cost £20 from www.stables.org or by calling the box office on 01908 280800.

MKlife
cyclinglegend

HERE'S an extraordinary prize for female cyclists that you simply won't be able to resist.

This is the chance to win some great gear and the opportunity to ride alongside three-times Olympic medallist Victoria Pendleton at the Cycletta Bedfordshire at Woburn Abbey on Sunday, June 29.

There are two prizes on offer – and both give you and a friend the chance to have a VIP breakfast with Victoria before saddling up alongside her.

First prize is a Trek 7.2 hybrid bike, which comes with Women's Specific Design (WSD) configurations and is worth more than £400.

The runner-up will win some fabulous cycling gear, including a helmet and cycling shorts.

To be in with a chance of winning simply answer the following question:

How many Olympic medals has Victoria Pendleton won?

A) One
B) Two
C) Three

To find out more about Cycletta Bedfordshire, log on to www.humanrace.co.uk.

You can enter the event online, or email Sam.Young@humanrace.co.uk.

WIN a bike and chance to ride with Victoria Pendleton

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lovestory

DIRECT from a sell-out season in London and following international critical acclaim, West Side Story returns to Milton Keynes Theatre.

Leading the cast will be Katie Hall as Maria, Louis Maskell as Tony, Djalenga Scott as Anita and Jack Wilcox as Riff.

Based on Romeo and Juliet, West Side Story is set on Manhattan's Upper West Side and explores the rivalry between two teenage gangs; one white, the other Puerto Rican. When Tony falls in love with Maria, the sister of the rival gang's leader, the feud takes on a new dimension.

The score includes the unforgettable songs Maria, Tonight, Somewhere, America and I Feel Pretty.

The show takes place from June 3-14. Tickets, costing from £15-£45, are available from 0844 871 7652, or www.atgtickets.com

IN HIS exclusive column for MK LIFE, Woburn Safari Park ranger Bob Streatfeild talks about the latest baby boom

I'M ALWAYS happy to see all the adorable new babies each spring at the park and the baby boom has continued this year in the Foot Safari.

In the Australian Walkabout enclosure, we've spotted 10 joeys (baby wallabies) so far.

The eldest spends most of her time out of the pouch now, only squeezing uncomfortably back in if she really needs to!

The youngest is just a few weeks old and has only just started to poke its head out; it hasn't even got fur yet.

Keepers have noticed there are some eggs in the Humboldt Penguin's nests, along the bank of the Penguin World enclosure, and are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the new chicks this year.

One of the older female Red River Hogs has surprised keepers with the birth of a new hoglet – Roblet.

The Ring Tailed Lemur babies are growing fast and you can find a video of them on **www.mkweb.co.uk**

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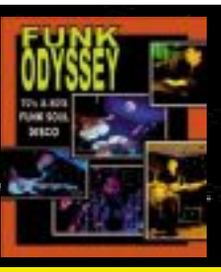

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THIS half-term there are various children's activities being held at The Buszy.

The workshops for eight to 14-year-olds take place until Friday and include cookery, graffiti, skate and scoot, street dance and more.

Sessions run between 8.30am and 5.30pm and only cost £5 each.

The Buszy runs activities for young people all year round, through Make A Difference (MaD) – a social enterprise and community interest company.

Its aim is to inspire young people to make a difference to their lives and the lives of others by offering positive activities, volunteering and training opportunities to children and young people.

To book your children's place on one of MaD's workshops visit thebuszy.com/what-s-on

thrillingride

BRYAN Singer has once again got his hands on the X-Men franchise and delivers the best mutant ensemble to date.

X-Men: Days of Future Past crams all our favourite mutants into a two-hour spectacle as they fight for survival across two time periods.

This is an ambitious project as Singer successfully delivers an epic story and character drama. There's a range of scenery on offer from a dark sci-fi future with spectacular mutant powers and jaw dropping action, to the colourful and nostalgic 70s with muscle cars and water beds.

The film shifts focus between characters as Wolverine, Mystique, Xavier and Quicksilver all share time in the spotlight. Patrick Stewart, Ian McKellen, Halle Berry and Ellen Page also make welcome returns as Professor X, Magneto, Storm and Kitty in strong performances.

Watch out for Evan Peters as Quicksilver, whose cool character steals the show with his quick wit. Game of Thrones star Peter Dinklage also shines as Trask, the man behind the Sentinels.

A thrilling ride packed with raw emotion made possible by Singer's return as director.

★★★★★ **Rachael West**

artattack

I'VE never been very good at arts and crafts, but I've always been jealous of people who are, writes Scott Kirk.

I used to watch Art Attack with envy on TV as a child, and now I'm watching my girlfriend make all sorts of things, from wallets to doorstops and everything in between.

She made a lot of her Christmas presents for people last year and there's no doubt that arts and crafts can save you lots of money as long as you've got the time to make your creations.

Plus I think people are a lot more appreciative of a gift they know has been personally made for them, rather than one that has come off a conveyor belt.

If you're wanting to get into making some of your own things then I would definitely recommend a trip to Hobbycraft.

My girlfriend swears by the place and even I'm impressed with the multitude of different items available, which with a bit of imagination you can make anything out of.

If you've got children I can't think of a better activity to do with them – and I'm sure that getting it wrong is as much fun as getting it right.

Your essential guide to events big and small throughout Milton Keynes

MK life HOT PICKS

willenwalk

JOIN in the fun at the Walk for Willen and Teddy Bears' Picnic on Sunday.

The whole family is invited to Willen Hospice's sponsored walk and picnic from 10.30am-3.30pm.

There will also be summer activities, music, stalls and refreshments in the hospice's gardens.

Tickets for the walk cost £6 for adults and £2 for under 16s. Entrance to the Teddy Bear's Picnic costs £10. For more details visit **www.mkweb.co.uk**

driftingalong

THE Drifters are coming to Milton Keynes Theatre for one night only on Sunday.

The Optimum Tour is a fast moving, exhilarating show highlighting the band's historical legacy.

Audiences can expect to hear songs such as Under The Boardwalk, Saturday Night At The Movies and Up On The Roof.

Tickets for the show at 7.30pm cost £27.90-£28.90 from www.atgtickets.com

biglunch

ON SUNDAY communities all over the UK are being encouraged to take part in The Big Lunch.

The annual get-together provides the perfect recipe for neighbourhoods to have fun, feed community spirit and help build stronger relationships.

One of the events will be in Stony Stratford in The Millfield from noon to 4pm where there will be activities for the whole family to enjoy.

For more information on The Big Lunch and how to get involved visit www.thebiglunch.com

caninecapers

THE canine community will join together to celebrate all things doggy this weekend.

The Big Doggie Do, organised by The Parks Trust, will include a dog show, charity stalls and range of activities for all the family.

So don't paws for thought, get down there and join in the fun with your loyal and lovable companions.

The free event takes place at Willen Lake South on Saturday from noon to 5pm.

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Speaker: Anthony Towey

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The accommodation comprises entrance hall, refitted cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge and dining areas along with a study/ground floor bedroom (formally the double length garage).

On the first floor there are a further three good sized bedrooms and a family bathroom, which has been refitted, as has the en-suite shower room that compliments the master bedroom.

There is off-road parking to the front of the property and an enclosed garden to the rear that offers a good degree of privacy.

This family home benefits from full double glazing and gas fired radiator central heating and also has the potential to be extended above the garage providing an additional bedroom and en-suite (subject to planning permission).

This property would make an ideal purchase for today's family as it is located within walking distance of a range of local shops, the High Street and parkland.

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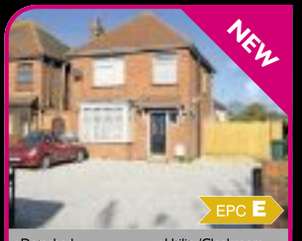

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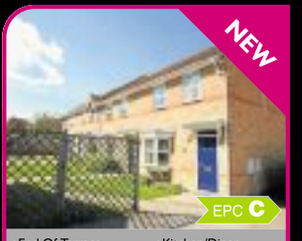

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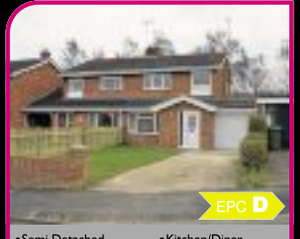

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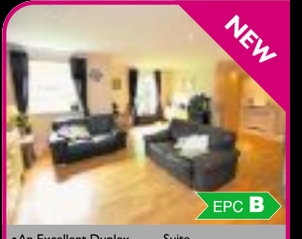

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- Garage
- Close to local shops
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- Viewing a must

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- Cloakroom
- Mature gardens
- Double glazing
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- Gas central heating
- Cul-de-sac location
- Viewing a must

NEW

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- Detached family home
- 3/4 Bedrooms
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- Separate lounge
- Kitchen/diner
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- Gas central heating
- Hi-tech interior
- Garage & off road parking
- Cul-de-sac location
- Viewing recommended

NEW

FURZTON £264,950

- End of terrace home
- Four bedrooms
- En-suite to master
- Separate lounge
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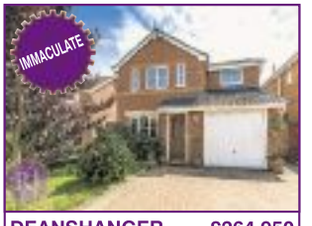

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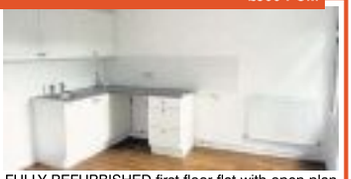

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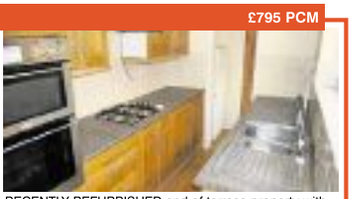

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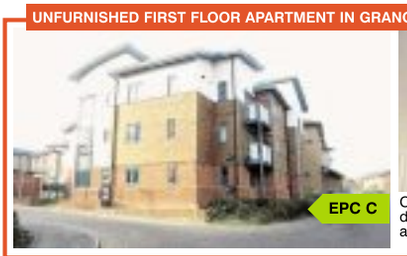

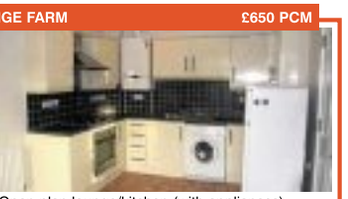

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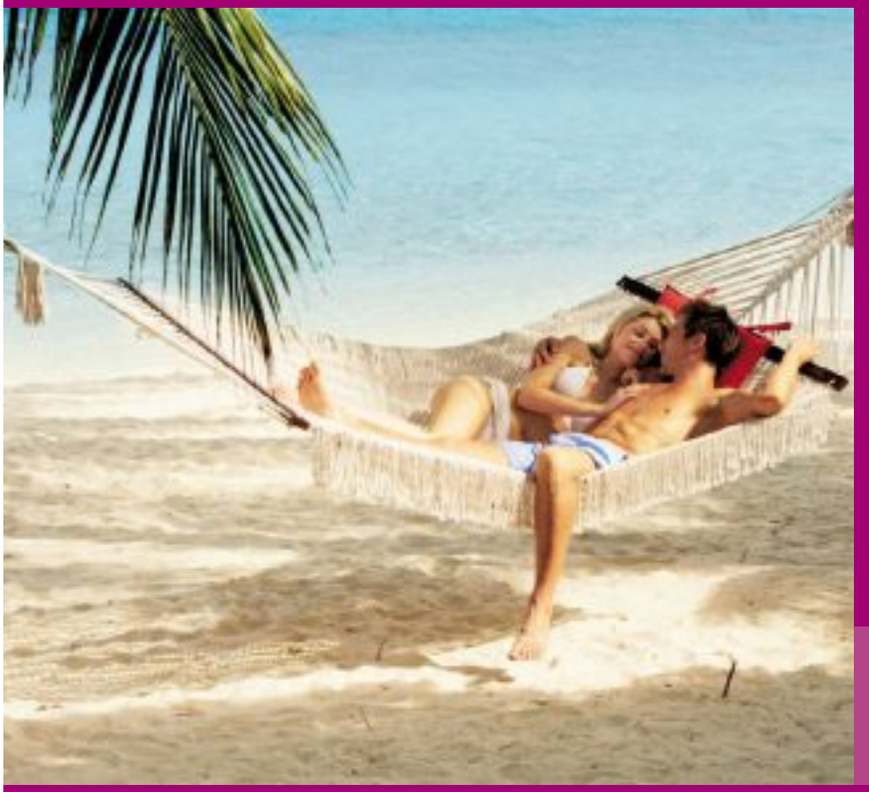

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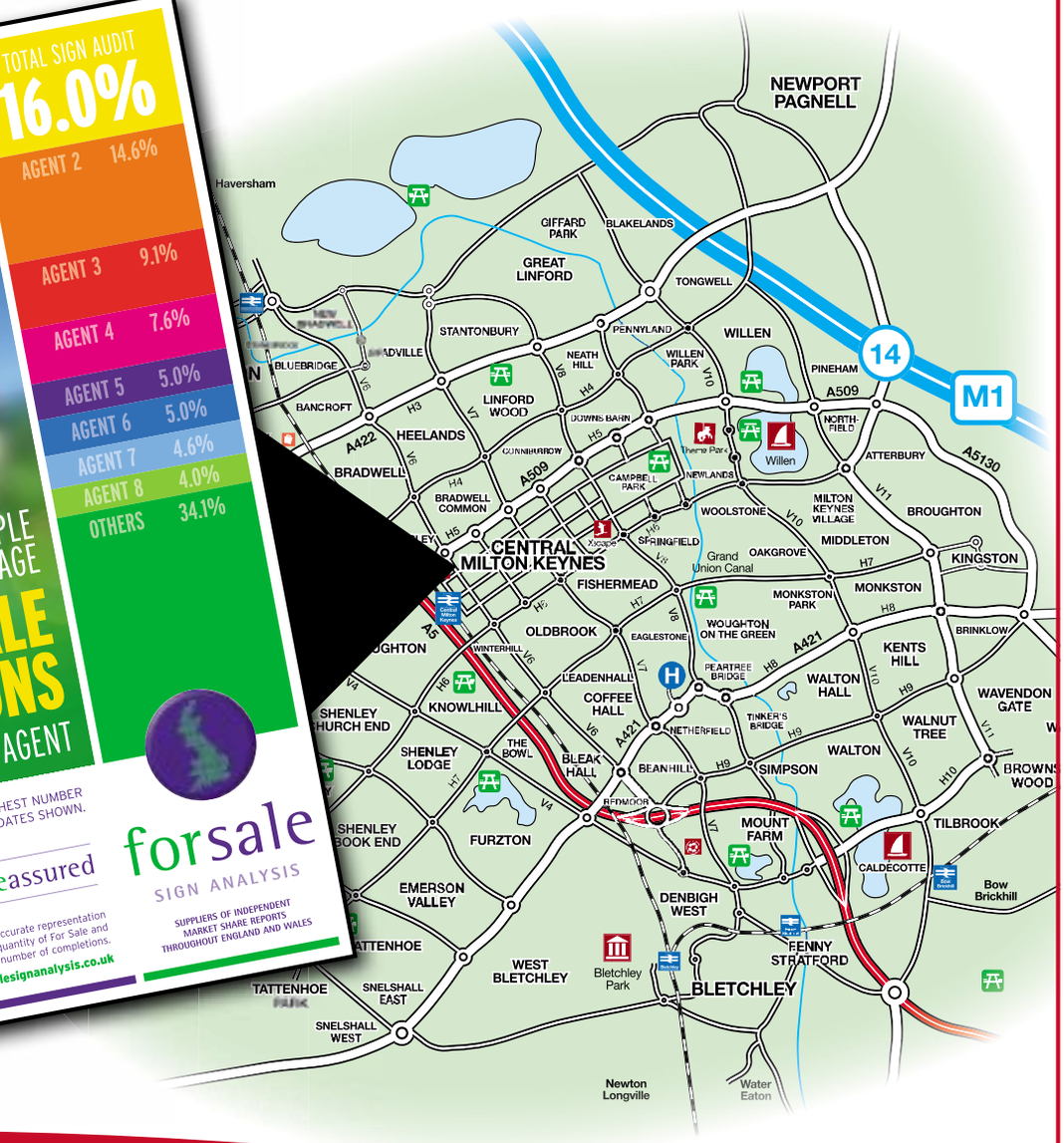

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For informal enquiries, please contact David Rose at david.rose2@milton-keynes.gov.uk or on 01908 252523.

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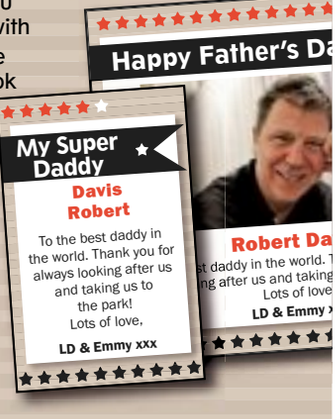

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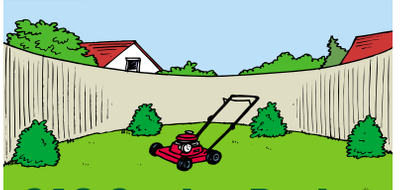

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS, WYMBUSH) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which will affect all classes of vehicle and will have the following effects:-

The introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on both sides of the carriageway along lengths of Berling Road, Clarendon Drive and Garamonde Drive, Wymbush, Milton Keynes.

Exemptions from the proposed Order include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the proposed Order together with maps showing the areas referred to, and a Statement of Reasons for proposing the order may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 18 June 2014 quoting reference PH-S1-TRO-093.

28 May 2014

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John Pryor
Assistant Director – Public Realm Service Group

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS, MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an order under Section 14(1) and (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to impose temporary 40mph and 50mph speed restrictions and temporarily prohibit vehicular access along parts of the said roads and all access or proceeding along the said redway underpass within Milton Keynes whilst construction works are being carried out to Kingston Roundabout and A421 (Parts). It is anticipated that the temporary speed limits and road closures will be in force from 16th June 2014 to 15th December 2015. However the speed limits and closures will take effect on specific roads at specific times during these dates, only when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance. The affected lengths of roads and the redway are as follows:-

1. No vehicles, except for emergency services, military vehicles and vehicles being used in connection with the construction works, shall be permitted to enter, proceed along the following lengths of road:-
   - **A421 H8 Standing Way** from its junction with the Kingston Roundabout to its junction with Lasborough Road, Kingston.
   - **A5130 Newport Road** from its junction with the Kingston Roundabout to its junction with Chippenham Drive, Kingston
   - **A5130 Newport Road** from its junction with the Kingston Roundabout to its junction with Lower End Road, Wavendon
   - **H9 Groveway** from its junction with the Kingston Roundabout to its junction with Harding Road, Brinkow
   - **A421** from its junction with the Kingston Roundabout to the boundary line that is shared with Bedfordshire

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2. No vehicles, except for emergency services, military vehicles and vehicles being used in connection with the construction works, shall be permitted to exceed the temporary speed restriction of 40 mph along the following lengths of road:-
   - **A421 H8 Standing Way** from its junction with the Kingston Roundabout to its junction with Fen Farm Roundabout.
   - **A421** from its junction with Kingston Roundabout to the boundary line that is shared with Bedfordshire
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   - **H8 Standing Way** (eastbound carriageway) from its junction with Kingston Roundabout to its junction with Lasborough Road, Kingston
   - **H8 Standing Way** (westbound carriageway) from its junction with Kingston Roundabout to its junction with Bransworth Avenue, Brinklow
3. No vehicles, except for emergency services, military vehicles and vehicles being used in connection with the construction works, shall be permitted to exceed the temporary speed restriction of 50 mph along the following lengths of road:-
   - **A421 H8 Standing Way** from its junction with Brinklow Roundabout to its junction with Lasborough Road.
4. No persons shall be permitted to enter, proceed along the following lengths of redway
   - **The underpass that is situated beneath Kingston Roundabout** from its junctions Brinklow, Kingston, Monkston and Kents Hill. The alternative route will be indicated by appropriate traffic signs.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates and at the times shown as and when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs.

Diversion routes will be displayed where appropriate. There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency services and military vehicles, and for vehicles being used in connection with the construction works.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 16th June 2014 and will continue in force until the construction works are complete.

Any person committing a breach of the Order shall be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 123, (2A)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends to dispose of open space land at that forms part of the Olney Centre, High Street MK46 4EF and at Kents Hill Sports Ground, Frithwood Crescent MK7 6HQ

Objections to the intended disposal must be made in writing and addressed to The Estates Manager, The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes, Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 3HS, by no later than 4thJune 2014. A plan of the land affected by the intended disposal is available for inspection at the office of the Council's Estates Manager at the above address.

28th May 2014

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DONS

Grass is Greener at Dons for returning winger Danny

BY DAN PALMER
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KARL Robinson had to move swiftly to secure Danny Green's return to Dons on a permanent basis but was delighted to get his man.

Twenty-five-year-old Green spent time on loan at stadiummk from Charlton Athletic last season and is now back for good to become boss Robinson's first new signing of the summer.

Championship outfit Charlton announced on Thursday that the winger would be leaving the club but he did not remain a free agent for long with Dons confirming his capture the following day.

Green made six appearances in Dons' colours during his loan in September and October and left a favourable impression so having him back full time provides an early pre-season boost.

"Danny showed during his time with us last season what a quality player he is, with his delivery, guile, work-rate and set-pieces, plus he's got a long throw," said Robinson.

"It was very evident the impact he'd had on the team when he went back to Charlton and we're delighted he's here again.

"As soon as we knew he was available, we moved quickly to get the deal done.

"He gives us another exciting option out wide, to go along with Powelly [Daniel Powell] and Bowds [Dean Bowditch], and we saw last year how important it is to have depth in that position."

Green has signed a two-year-deal which will keep him with the League One club until June 2016.

He made 19 appearances in the Championship for Charlton last season as the Addicks narrowly avoided relegation and said that, despite interest from other clubs, Dons was where he wanted to be.

Back for good: Danny Green

"I'm delighted to be here," said Green. "When I knew I wasn't being kept on at Charlton, MK Dons were the club I wanted to come to.

"Luckily the club wanted me too so everyone's happy.

"There was a bit of interest but MK Dons stood out because of the way the team plays football, the manager, who is great, the players, who I know from my spell last year, and the stadium. I can't wait to get started."

Dons will be looking for further additions this summer with a striker at the top of Robinson's shopping list after the club's struggles in front of goal last season.

Centre back Jordan Spence, who spent time on loan at the club from West Ham United last season but has now also been released, is expected to be a target.

He made 35 appearances for the club during two spells and became a key part of the back four.

CRICKET

Stony to face England stars

STONY Stratford CC has confirmed plans for a festival of cricket which will feature a star-studded team of ex-England internationals.

The event will be held at Campbell Park on Friday, July 25 and will see Stony take on a Professional Cricketers' Association (PCA) XI.

Former England players Mark Ramprakash, Matthew Hoggard, Paul Nixon, Alex Tudor, Devon Malcolm and Neil Fairbrother are all set to appear for the PCA subject to fitness.

Ramparkash played 52 tests for England, scoring 2350 runs, while pace bowler Hoggard played a big part in the 2005 Ashes victory over Australia. Fellow pace-man Malcolm, *pictured*, took 128 wickets in his test career.

Earlier in the day, Stony will also play a team from the MK Dons, who will field manager Karl Robinson as well as players, staff and guests of the club.

The festival aims to raise funds for the further expansion and development of the club and will also aid the Parks Trust.

Stony chairman Mike Smith said: "We are delighted to be able to host such a fantastic Festival of Cricket at Campbell Park and the opportunity for the club and for sports fans across Milton Keynes to come and see a team of ex-England internationals in the heart of our city is a wonderful one."

Other plans for the festival include a junior cricket tournament and the PCA team are also set to sign autographs and coach some of the youngsters.

A full hospitality event will run alongside the first T20 match against the Dons before the PCA game follows. Ticket information is available at www.theparkstrust.com.

• This weekend's local cricket action was wiped out by rain.

FOOTBALL

Grant will help footballer's dreams of Rio

CITY paralympic footballer Alistair Heselton, *pictured*, is getting ready for a busy summer.

Using a £2,000 grant from the MK Community Foundation, the London 2012 seven-a-side player will employ a strength and conditioning coach to get him fit and ready for the upcoming European and World Championships and beyond, which will include a tilt at reaching the Rio 2016 Paralympics.

Born in Belgium, the central midfielder came to the UK at the age of four.

It was at this age that he was introduced to football, which he pursued throughout his time at school.

Recognised as a special talent, Heselton was recruited to play professionally for Queens Park Rangers, where he and future England star Peter Crouch were strike partners.

Then, at the age of 23 and with everything on track for a long and successful career, he was involved in a tragic car accident that cost the life of one friend and left Alistair himself in doubt that he would ever play football again.

Doctors told him that his brain injuries would likely prevent him from returning to the sport he loved, but he had other ideas and when the FA approached him at the age of 26 about joining their football programme for people with acquired brain injury, he could see a way back.

Heselton quickly entered the Great Britain and England set ups and was mentored by double Olympic athletics champion Dame Kelly Holmes, who was so impressed that she later recruited him to become a mentor for her sporting charity as well.

He debuted for England at the World Championships in the Netherlands in 2011 and during the tournament bagged hismelf a goal against Argentina.

Soon after, he was playing for Great Britain at London 2012, for which he was mentored by former Man United and England defender Rio Ferdinand, and at which was named man of the match after facing off against the United States.

Alistair has his sights set firmly on Rio 2016 and in the mean time, he works full time as a youth mentor, through a number of charities and charitable foundations, inspiring the next generation and becoming the positive role model that so many desperately need.

"I'm sure the Euros this year will be a great event and it's just about training and performing," said the 30-year-old.

"I always try to look forward and not back, and I don't think I could be happier at the moment.

"If I'd not had the accident would I have been going to the World Cup this year?

"Maybe not, but now a whole new door has opened for me and I'm really enjoying playing my football at this moment in time."

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FORMULA ONE

Gap closed says Horner

What a view: Daniel Ricciardo on the Monaco track

RED Bull Racing chief Christian Horner believes that his team challenged the dominance of Mercedes for the first time this year at Sunday's Monaco Grand Prix, despite their rivals claiming another one-two finish.

After four years of ruling Formula One, Tilbrook outfit Red Bull's vice like grip on the sport has been smashed by Mercedes so far in 2014, thanks to an all powerful car and the skills of driving pair Nico Rosberg and Lewis Hamilton.

It was Rosberg who was victorious ahead of Hamilton on the famous Monaco street circuit but Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo was third to claim a second consecutive podium finish.

Quadruple world champion Sebastian Vettel was forced to retire due to a power problem but despite this setback team principal Horner was still pleased with his team's weekend.

"We closed down the gap to the Mercedes at the end and got very close to Lewis but round the streets of Monte Carlo it is always extremely difficult to overtake," he said.

"It's the closest we've been to Mercedes all year and it's the first time we've been really racing them so there are signs of progress and we're certainly getting closer."

Rosberg, who leads the standings, and Hamilton look to be in a two horse race for this year's drivers' crown with the team-mates seemingly having a strained relationship.

Australian Ricciardo is fourth overall with German Vettel sixth, with both a long way off the pace of the leading pair.

In the constructors' standings Red Bull are second on 99 points but Mercedes' exploits in Monaco mean they have a massive 240 at the top of the pile.

Meanwhile, Red Bull's chief technical officer Adrian Newey has denied speculation that he is set to quit the team to join rivals Ferrari.

The season continues with the Canadian Grand Prix in Montreal on June 8.

SPEEDWAY

Knights smash Hitmen

On fire: Jez Pestell (red) and Niall Strudwick (blue) pass Buxton's Josh Bailey

MK KNIGHTS moved eight points clear at the top of the Midland Development League as Buxton Hitmen became their latest victims this weekend.

The Derbyshire outfit travelled to the Knights' home track of West Row in Mildenhall on Sunday and were beaten 28-8 on another good day for the city riders.

With Connor Mountain again stepping in at the last minute the Knights put on a superb performance against a depleted Buxton.

The writing was on the wall from heat one as Knights duo Jez Pestell and Niall Strudwick passed either side of Hitmen's number one Josh Bailey to record the first of five 5-1s.

A much improved performance from Niall Strudwick, scoring 6+3 bonus points, added to the usual strong riding of Sam Chapman and Pestell.

The win has opened up the eight point gap ahead of nearest rivals Coventry Mercia-Vikings who the Knights beat earlier this season in April.

Milton Keynes now face back to back meetings this weekend, away to Stoke Spitfires in the league on Saturday and then home to Rye House Raiders in the knock-out cup on Sunday at West Row.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wolves take positives despite Roosters loss

MILTON Keynes Wolves battled hard but could not prevent a 50-26 defeat against St Ives Roosters in the East Premier Division.

The early season table toppers came out on top at Emerson Valley but the Wolves are still taking plenty of positives after being thumped 90-12 by the same opposition last season.

"It was a real game of two halves," said Wolves head coach Abe Kerr.

"St Ives definitely had the upper hand in the first half, but a far more even second half saw MK play closer to their potential.

"In our opening game last season St Ives put 90 past us, so it shows we have clearly improved, and there are plenty of positives to take from that performance.

"I was very proud of how we battled in that second half."

St Ives opened up a 12-0 lead thanks to a pair of tries but Wolves were on the board when Gav Whitehead went over in the corner.

Roosters then turned the screw with a three try salvo before Milton Keynes skipper Scott Aspinall crossed the whitewash.

Before the break a sixth visiting try arrived as St Ives led 34-10 at the interval.

A very physical first half took its toll on both sides and tempers began to fray – with Aspinall soon seeing yellow for getting too up close and personal to his opposite man. St Ives used the advantage of his sin binning to score a further try, but Wolves hit back with their best spell of the contest – crossing twice through John Marchbank and once courtesy of Dan Rolfe before Roosters crossed twice more to complete the scoring.

Wolves next face an East RL Cup tie at Cambridge on Saturday.

Their U16 side claimed an impressive 50-26 victory over Hemel Stags.

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CYCLING

A SUPERB all-round performance in Ireland's An Post Rás saw Bradwell Abbey based outfit Madison-Genesis travel back to Milton Keynes with the team prize after more than 1250 kilometres of intense racing that finished in Skerries on Sunday.

The team saw off rivals from across the world to scoop the honour and there was also individual success for Alex Peters – who topped the U23 standings – and Liam Holohan who won stage seven by 46 seconds after attacking 20km from the finishing line.

Peters missed out on the overall individual win by 25 seconds after the eight day race, which ran in an anticlockwise direction around Ireland.

"I wasn't thinking about the U23 jersey," said Peters after the race. "I wanted that overall win and the U23 would have followed that.

"Our team was really strong and we had a great team manager who we all learned from. We started each day with a plan and rode with that in mind.

"So I'm disappointed not to have won overall but as a team we were really, really great."

Meanwhile, Monkston Park rider Harriet Owen finished third for Matrix Fitness – Vulpine at the latest round of the women's Matrix Fitness Grand Prix series in Peterborough.

Coming into the finishing straight for the final time, race winner Eileen Roe (Starley Primal Pro Cycling) had pulled out to an unassailable lead but Harriet was lead out by her team-mates and, although nearly squeezed into the barriers, she held her nerve to make the top three.

Madison-Genesis had another team of riders also competing in Peterborough in the third and last of the team based Pearl Izumi Tour Series. In both races the team finished in second place, thereby retaining their second overall placing in the series.

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CITY teenager Samuel Oram-Jones is to graduate from karts and race with SWB Motorsport in the 2014 Protyre Formula Renault Championship.

The 16-year-old has signed a deal after impressing in a recent test at Mallory Park and will make his debut this weekend at Donington Park.

It is the next step on the ladder for the youngster who dreams of competing in the Formula One drivers' world championship.

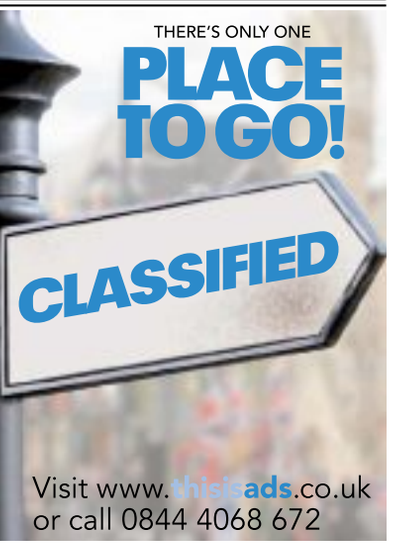
"I'm extremely pleased to get this chance," he said. "SWB Motorsport is a well respected team.

"My first race is very important, although we have to be realistic. We'd like to aim to be mid-pack or in the pack fighting for position as opposed to being at the back and not in the mix at all. I'll be happy to get any points of significance at all in the first few races. That would be extremely good."

Elsewhere, Newport Pagnell's James Nash was ninth with his Belgian Audi team WRT at the Three Hours of Silverstone – which was the second race of the Blancpain Endurance Series for the former World Touring Cars driver.

ATHLETICS

MILTON Keynes Athletic Club's Devon Byrne has won the England Athletics Senior Women's heptathlon title. Byrne came out on top thanks to a personal best score of 5004 in Bedford.



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Stadium ready to stage women's showpiece

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A BUMPER crowd is due for the Women's FA Cup final at stadiummk on Sunday.

Arsenal will square off with Women's Super League (WSL) rivals Everton at the home of the Dons with ticket sales heading towards the 10,000 mark and set to keep rising.

The Gunners will be looking to lift the prestigious trophy for the second season in a row and for the 13th time in their history – more than any other club.

Defender Alex Scott, who has won the FA Women's Cup eight times for Arsenal, says this game is just as exciting as her first final.

"It makes the atmosphere a whole lot better when the stadiums are full," said the 29-year-old who has made more than 100 appearances for England.

"To be told that those tickets have been sold hopefully means that it's going to be a great day."

Everton will be hoping to repeat their last appearance in the final in 2010, when they beat Arsenal 3-2 after extra time.

Striker Jody Handley, 35, who captained the Toffees to that win and also has more than 40 England caps, said: "It is a massive occasion in the women's football calendar and it's probably the biggest day to celebrate the growth of women's football.

"I'm sure there will be plenty more who turn up on the day."

The final, which kicks off at 4.30pm, will be the last match for Arsenal manager Shelley Kerr who has quit with the club bottom of the WSL.

Neither side has managed a victory in the league so far this season after four games with Everton just one place above the Gunners.

Even so, it promises to be a good day for Toffees fans in particular as they face a Merseyside derby with Liverpool in the Girls' Youth Cup final, which is also at stadiummk on Sunday and will precede the main final with kick-off at 1pm.

"The kids have done really well to get into the final," added Handley. "Obviously it's a massive game for them to be playing against their arch-rivals Liverpool in front of hopefully a good crowd on a good day out in Milton Keynes."

There will be local interest in the final if Milton Keynes defender Leah Williamson features for Arsenal.

MK Dons chairman Pete Winkelman added: "When we first built the stadium it was all about trying to attract the best events and this is the biggest event in the women's football calendar live in Milton Keynes.

"This is the best of women's football in this country.

"I think it will be a very exciting game to be at and that youth game is really going to whet everyone's appetite.

"All our girls are really excited about it because this is where they want to be and for them to see this in their home town is really inspirational."

For ticket details log on to www.mkdons.com.

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Up for the cup: Everton's Jody Handley (left) and Arsenal's Alex Scott with the Women's FA Cup trophy at stadiummk

Picture: Andy Handley

Injured Stannard to miss Tour de France with back problem

MILTON Keynes cyclist Ian Stannard has been dealt a cruel blow with the news that he will miss this year's Tour de France through injury.

The London 2012 Olympian made his debut in the world's most famous bike race last year but will not be able to return this time around due to an ongoing back problem.

He has been sidelined since April after suffering a fractured vertebrae in a nasty crash at Gent-Wevelgem, and although initial screenings had looked encouraging it has since emerged that the former Team Keynes cyclist's injuries are more complex than what was originally diagnosed.

A spine specialist in London has confirmed to the Team Sky rider that he was lucky not to suffer any permanent damage.

"It was really hard to take, especially when it became clear that I wouldn't be riding the Tour de France," said Stannard.

"At the same time, it was nice to get a definitive call – a clear cut decision.

"There was no uncertainty about what I should and shouldn't be doing.

"It's the longest stretch I've had off my bike in years and years, as far back as I can remember actually.

"As professional cyclists, we're used to training five or six hours a day, and then there's the whole lifestyle that comes with that like diet, recovery and things. When that gets taken away it's really hard for us to adjust."

This year's Tour begins in England on July 5 and Sky – who have won the last two editions through Sir Bradley Wiggins and Chris Froome – will miss Stannard's tireless energy and work rate which greatly assists his team.

The 26-year-old is currently resting with no date for his return yet set.

He took the biggest win of his career in March when he won the one day Classics race the Omloop Het Nieuwsblad in Belgium.

"I'm eager to get back in the saddle but it's in the hands of the experts," he said.